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For: ELECTRIC-DISCHARGE MACHINING APPARATUS AND ELECTRIC-DISCHARGE  
MACHINING METHOD

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith.

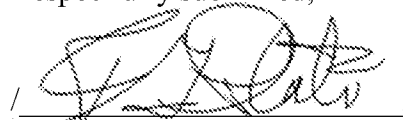
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits herewith a copy of a Notice of Reasons for Refusal dated November 8, 2011, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2010-139110, together with an English-language translation of the Notice, citing such document and indicating the degree of relevance found by the Japanese Patent Office. Additionally, Applicant submits English-language Abstract and partial English-language translation for JP 64-020925.

JP2000-015524 cited by the Examiner in the Notice of Reasons for Refusal was previously submitted by the IDS filed on July 11, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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